

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- Sub E2
- D1
1. (Currently amended) An irrigation system comprising:  
each of an irrigation controller and a water application device physically situated at a location of a user, the controller at least partially controlling the water application device; and  
~~a distal computer remote from the user location;~~  
~~a first communication system that exchanges information between the irrigation controller and the distal computer;~~  
~~a second communication system that exchanges information between the irrigation controller and the user;~~  
~~a third communication system that exchanges information between the user and the distal computer;~~  
~~a fourth communication system that exchanges information between the distal computer irrigation controller and a government agency legal person other than the user;~~  
~~and wherein each of the first communication system, the third communication system, and the fourth communication system comprise comprises a public packet switched network.~~
  2. (Currently amended) The irrigation system of claim 1, wherein the exchange of information between ~~each of the irrigation controller and the distal computer, the irrigation controller and the user, the user and the distal computer, and the distal computer and a third party~~ the legal person other than the user, are the government agency is bi-directional.
  3. (Currently amended) The irrigation system of claim 1, further comprising a microprocessor disposed in the irrigation controller, that facilitates the exchange of information between the irrigation controller and the ~~distal computer~~ government agency.

4. (Currently amended) The irrigation system of claim 1, further comprising a microprocessor disposed in a second unit separate from the irrigation controller, that facilitates the exchange of information between the irrigation controller and the ~~distal computer-government agency~~.
5. (Original) The irrigation system of claim 1, further comprising a storage device that stores data at the user location.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently amended) The irrigation system of claim 1 wherein the ~~first~~ communication system comprises a two-way pager.
8. (Currently amended) The irrigation system of claim 1 wherein the ~~first~~ communication system comprises a web page interface.
9. (Cancelled)
- DI 10. (Currently amended) A method of operating an irrigation system comprising:  
physically situating each of an irrigation controller and a water application device at a location of a user;  
utilizing the controller to at least partially control the water application device;  
providing a ~~first~~ communication system comprising a public packet switched network; and  
coupling the irrigation controller and a ~~distal computer-government agency~~ using the ~~first~~ communication system;  
~~coupling the irrigation controller and the user using a second communication system;~~  
~~coupling the distal computer and a legal person other than the user using a third communication system;~~  
~~the user entering landscape irrigation operating information into the irrigation controller using the second communication system; and~~  
~~the irrigation controller causing at least a portion of the landscape irrigation operating information to be transmitted to the distal computer using the first communication system.~~

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising a step of the user wherein the step of entering the landscape irrigation operating information comprises the user entering the landscape irrigation operating information into a personal computer, and the personal computer transmitting the information to the irrigation controller via [[the]]a second communication system.
12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising:  
providing the controller with a microprocessor programmed to receive additional  
information from [[the]]a distal computer via the ~~first~~-communication system; and  
the microprocessor determining an irrigation schedule based at least in part on [[the]]  
landscape irrigation operating information from the user, and the additional  
information from the distal computer.
- DI 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
providing the controller with local water usage data; and  
the microprocessor determining an irrigation schedule based at least in part on the water  
usage data.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the step of determining an irrigation schedule  
further includes the microprocessor computing a desired quantity of water to be applied  
to a landscape at the user's location for a specific period of time.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the period of time is at least one day.
16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the additional information from  
the distal computer includes weather data, and further comprising the microprocessor  
computing an ETo value.
17. (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising the microprocessor comparing the  
ETo value to the desired quantity of water applied to the landscape.
18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the water usage data includes  
water pressure data.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising coupling the user and ~~[[the]]~~a distal computer using a third communication system.
20. (Cancelled)
21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising ~~[[the]]~~a microprocessor sending a warning to the user via ~~[[the]]~~a second communication system when an aspect of the irrigation system falls outside of a predetermined parameter.
22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising ~~[[the]]~~a microprocessor preventing an operation of the irrigation system when the irrigation system falls outside of a predetermined parameter.
23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising a step of transmitting wherein the information transmitted to ~~[[the]]~~a distal computer comprise, such information comprising a calculated estimate of water actually applied at a station for a time period.
24. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the information transmitted to the distal computer further includes a relationship between the calculated estimate of water actually applied at a station for a time period, and a computed ETo for the station for the time period.
25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising sending information from ~~[[the]]~~a distal computer to the ~~legal person~~ government agency, such information including irrigation operating information.
26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the irrigation operating information includes at least one of an irrigation start time, an irrigation run time, an irrigation water flow value, and an irrigation water pressure value.